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The Village Board is considering work on the Hull alley first because it was at the top of an alley priority list which was used as recently as five years ago and is based on resident petitions for repair.

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Some of the village's street work costs will be covered through grant money. Beth McCluskey, a liaison to many local towns through the Chicago Area Traffic System and the North Central Council of Mayors, said the village applied for such funds to reconstruct Balmoral Avenue. That work would focus on the section of the road between Mannheim Road and Canterbury Street. McCluskey said the grants are distributed based on factors such as safety, average daily traffic and the condition of the roadway. Federal transportation dollars will cover 80 percent of the \$1.5 million project, and the village will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent.

Gattuso has talked in the past about several grants secured through the offices of U.S. Rep. Daniel Lipinski, D-3rd District, and U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, D-7th District. That money totals almost \$900,000 and is on its way.

"(In) 2006, we should be getting all this money," he said.

The lion's share -- about \$750,000 -- from Davis' efforts is earmarked for Sunnyside Avenue near 31st Street, Gattuso said. McCluskey said Westchester was investigating the possibility of using the funds for three different streets. Bristol Avenue, Dover Street and Highridge Parkway have been discussed, but no decision has been made, she said.